

Pedestrian Advisory Council

Land Development Code Working Group

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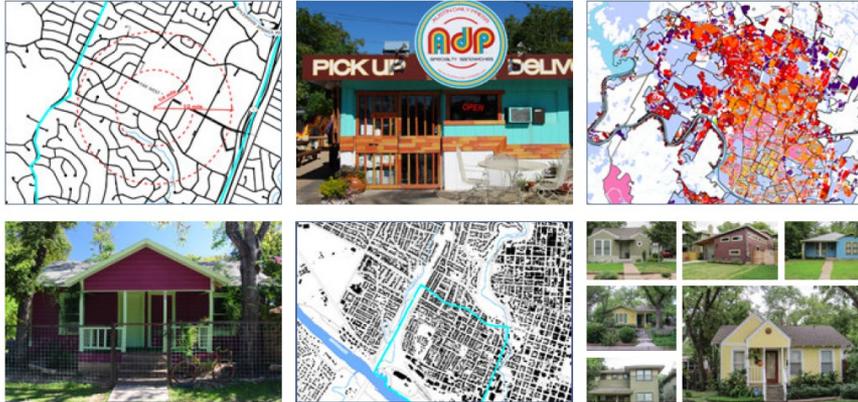
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Overview

- ▶ Recap/refresher on the CodeNext background and process
 - ▶ Summary of PAC/BAC Land Development Code Working Group activity and recommendations
 - ▶ Next steps
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Recap/Refresher on CodeNext: Background



AUSTIN, TEXAS
LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE DIAGNOSIS

Public Draft: May 5, 2014

CODENEXT 
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Recap/Refresher on CodeNext: Background



This include rules about:

- ▶ Zoning
- ▶ Subdivisions
- ▶ Site Plans
- ▶ Drainage
- ▶ Transportation
- ▶ Environment
- ▶ Buildings
- ▶ Signs . . . and more!

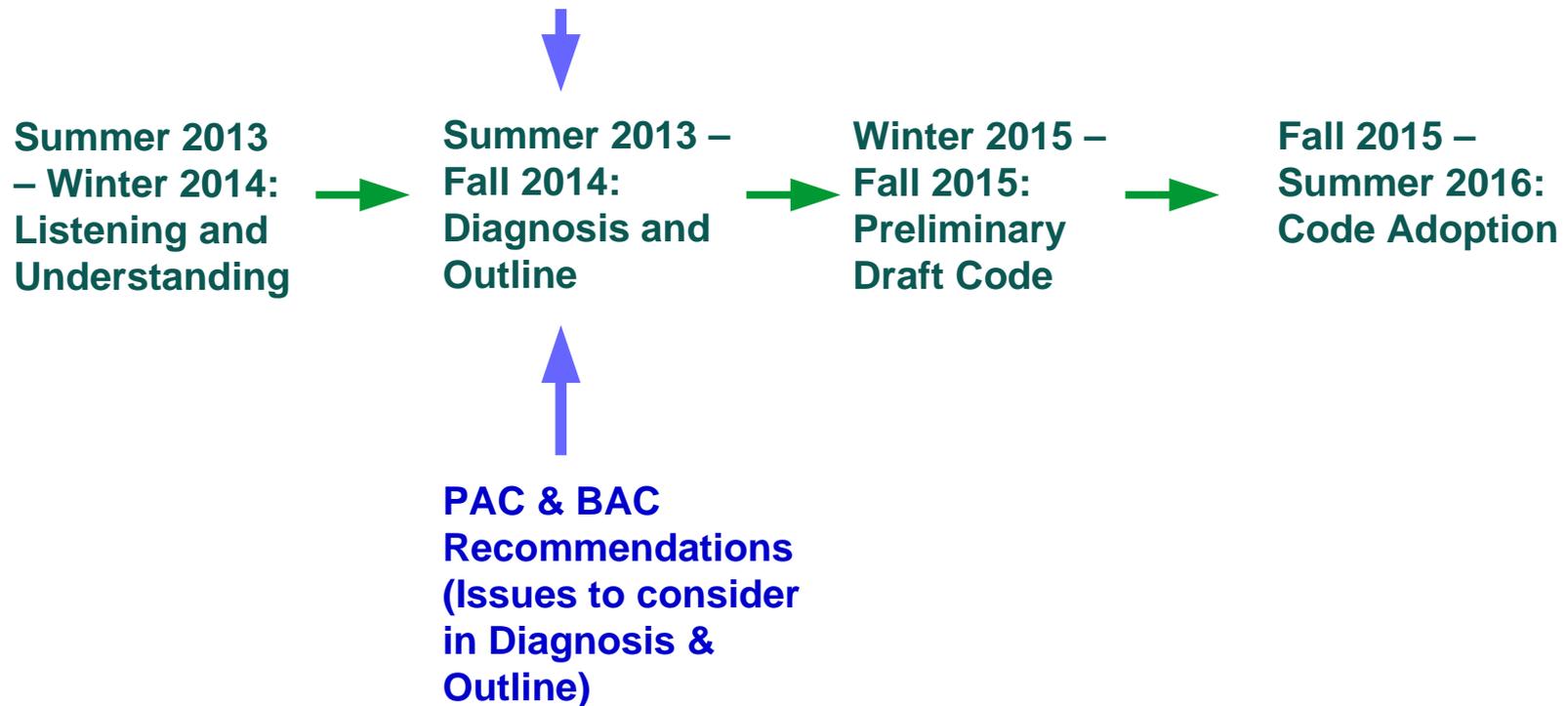


City Council Adopted
June 15, 2012

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PAC/BAC Recommendations – Working Group

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 - ▶ PAC/BAC Code Working group meetings
 - ▶ March 10,
 - ▶ March 31
 - ▶ April 30
 - ▶ June 11
 - ▶ Presentation to BAC on May 20 and PAC on June 2
 - ▶ Multiple meetings with department staff (PDR LUR/UD/DAC, PWD, ATD, CPO)
 - ▶ Approved by BAC on June 17
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PAC/BAC Recommendations – Objectives

Reiterate Importance of the **Priority Programs**

Encourage use of **density, diversity, destination accessibility, and transit accessibility** to create a walkable and bikeable city

Encourage use of **connectivity standards** for the whole city and to limit exceptions

Ensure continued PAC & BAC involvement in the CodeNext process



PAC/BAC Recommendations

1. Vision
2. Standards
3. Destination Accessibility
4. Distance to Transit
5. Demand Management
6. Process and Procedure

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2. Standards

- ▶ Density, Diversity, Design
- ▶ Mixed Use
- ▶ Infill options
- ▶ Great Streetscapes
- ▶ Provide for Alleys
- ▶ Require Trees
- ▶ Pilot Projects for Innovative Design
- ▶ Shared Streets
- ▶ Trail Orientated Development
- ▶ Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design

3. Destination Accessibility

- ▶ Connectivity of Large projects
- ▶ PUD connectivity requirements
- ▶ Sub-chapter E (block design standards)
- ▶ Sign Regulations

- ▶ Condominium Regimes – no longer exempt

4. Distance to Transit

- ▶ Zoning to reflect transit orientation

5. Demand Management

- ▶ Parking Standards
- ▶ Bike Parking

6. Process and Procedure

- ▶ Code Amendments
- ▶ Variances
- ▶ Alternative Equivalent Compliance
- ▶ Sidewalk Fee in Lieu
- ▶ Align with Adopted Master Plans
- ▶ Traffic Impact Analysis
- ▶ ADA compliance
- ▶ Burying Utilities
- ▶ Presumption for highest regulation
- ▶ Remodel definition

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Next Steps

- ▶ *BAC endorsed recommendations June 17*
- ▶ PAC to vote on endorsing recommendations
- ▶ Submit to CodeNEXT Team
- ▶ Follow up with CodeNext Team on their 'Outline Code' options later this year.



Thank You

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